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SUBJ: CONVERSATIONS WITH KEY GENEVA REPR OF IMEC AND G-77

IO FOR GEORGE DALLEY, JOHN MILLS

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DEPT PASS LABOR FOR SECY MARSHALL, HOWARD SAMUEL, JAMES

QUACKENBUSH

COMMERCE FOR SECY KREPS

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FROM AMBASSADOR VANDEN HEUVEL

1. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH KEY GENEVA REPRESENTATIVES FROM  
BOTH THE IMEC AND G-77 GROUPS IT IS INCREASINGLY CLEAR  
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THAT THE STRUCTURE QUESTIONS ARE NOT EXPECTED TO BE  
RESOLVED BY THE 1978 CONFERENCE. A MAJOR EFFORT WILL BE  
MADE DURING THE MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP BEGINNING  
MAY 22 BUT THE DANISH AMBASSADOR, NOW SERVING AS CHAIRMAN  
OF THE EC, DOES NOT SEE HOW IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO  
RESOLVE THE DIFFERENCES AT THIS TIME. ONE OF HIS  
COMPLAINTS IS THAT THE G-77 PARTICIPATION IS BADLY

ORGANIZED AND HE NOW PERCEIVES A SOVIET MOVE TO DELAY ANY DECISIONS IN ORDER TO SERVE LONG-RANGE SOVIET OBJECTIVES.

2. THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR, EL-SHAFEI, TOLD ME THAT HE HAS HAD LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES HERE REGARDING ILO. HE BELIEVES THAT THE USSR HAS NOW RECONSIDERED ITS POSITION AND FORMULATED ITS STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES. THE SOVIETS BELIEVE THAT IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE US TO RETURN IF THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE ARE GIVEN A SEPARATE REGION IN THE RESTRUCTURING. THEY HAVE THEREFORE MADE THE INSISTANCE ON AT LEAST FIVE REGIONS A BASIC DEMAND. COUNTING ON CONTINUED US ABSENCE THEY WILL WORK ON G-77 TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR THEIR OBJECTIVE AS WELL AS THEIR OBJECTIVE TO REORGANIZE THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS. AMB EL-SHAFEI IS CONVINCED THAT THE SOVIETS WANT TO SHOW THE DEVELOPING WORLD THAT THE ILO CAN SURVIVE WITHOUT THE US AND, HAVING SHOWN THAT, TO USE THE ILO EXPERIENCE TO BLUNT US PRESSURES OR THREATS OF WITHDRAWAL IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

3. THERE IS A PROFOUND AND WIDESPREAD ATTITUDE AMONG THE IMEC AND G-77 COUNTRIES OF HOPE THAT THE US WILL RETURN. A LARGE PART OF THAT HOPE IS BASED UPON THEIR CERTAINTY THAT THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POWER OF THE US IS NEEDED IF SOVIET DOMINATION IS TO BE AVOIDED.

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